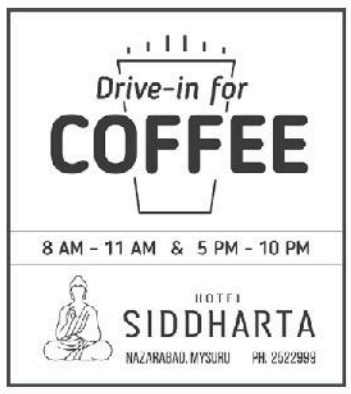

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Kuvempu Jayanti in city

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa offering floral tribute to the statue of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RK&DM)- The 119th birth anniversary of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu was celebrated across the city this morning in a meaningful way. MLA T.S. Srivatsa garlanded the statue of Kuvempu at Kuvempu Park near Gun House Circle in the jayanti celebrations organised by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA recalled the contributions of Kuvempu for the growth of Kannada and the Poet Laureate's *Vishwamanava Sandesha* that sends a message of peace and harmony across the world.

Students who scored maximum marks in Kannada language in SSLC and PUC (2022-23) were presented with *Pratibha Puraskara* and the winners of essay contest held as part of the Jayanti, were distributed prizes. The event also featured a *Geetha Gayana*. Former Corporator B.V. Manjunath, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, former President M. Chandrashekar, DDPI H.K. Pandu, writer C. Sarvamangala, Kannada activist Mugur Nanjundaswamy and others were present.

Chamundi Hill ropeway will harm environment: MP

MP Pratap Simmha addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House in city this morning as KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa looks on.

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BLU & BS)- In response to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's renewed push for a ropeway to Chamundi Hill in the city, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha has strongly voiced his opposition to the project. Emphasising his stand against any initiative that could harm the environment, Simmha reiterated his previous stance on the ropeway.

Addressing media persons at Jaladarshini Guest House this morning, Simmha reaffirmed, "Earlier too, I have spoken against the ropeway in no uncertain terms and I stand by my words."

He highlighted that projects such as the ropeway could have adverse effects on the environment. Simmha pointed out that the district administration had previously made a decision against the ropeway during G.T. Devegowda's tenure as a District Minister, a stance upheld when Basavaraj Bommai served as the Chief Minister.

Mysore Airport

On Mysore Airport, the MP said, "A total of Rs. 319 crore has been earmarked for the expansion of runway of Mysore Airport, with Rs. 175 crore to pay compensation towards acquisition of lands. A compensation of Rs. 154 crore is awarded for 85 acres of land and the process related to award of compensation for eight acres is on."

Simmha added that of the total 240 acres of land required for runway expansion, the land acquisition process related to 137 acres is underway while Rs. 534 crore will be allotted by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to divert the Nanjangud Highway passing in front of the Airport. The runway, if expanded, will intersect the Highway and as such, it has to be diverted.

The MP, who also broached upon the current situation at Mysore Airport with a dwindling number of flights compared to a few months ago, blamed it on the lack of runway to facilitate operation of big size flights. Alliance Air flight has been withdrawn for repair works, while Indigo Airlines has only ATR-20 type bigger flight. Considering the demand for flight connectivity between Kochi and Goa from Mysuru, talks are on with Star Airways to operate flights to these destinations, he added.

(See MP on page 7)

To Our Readers

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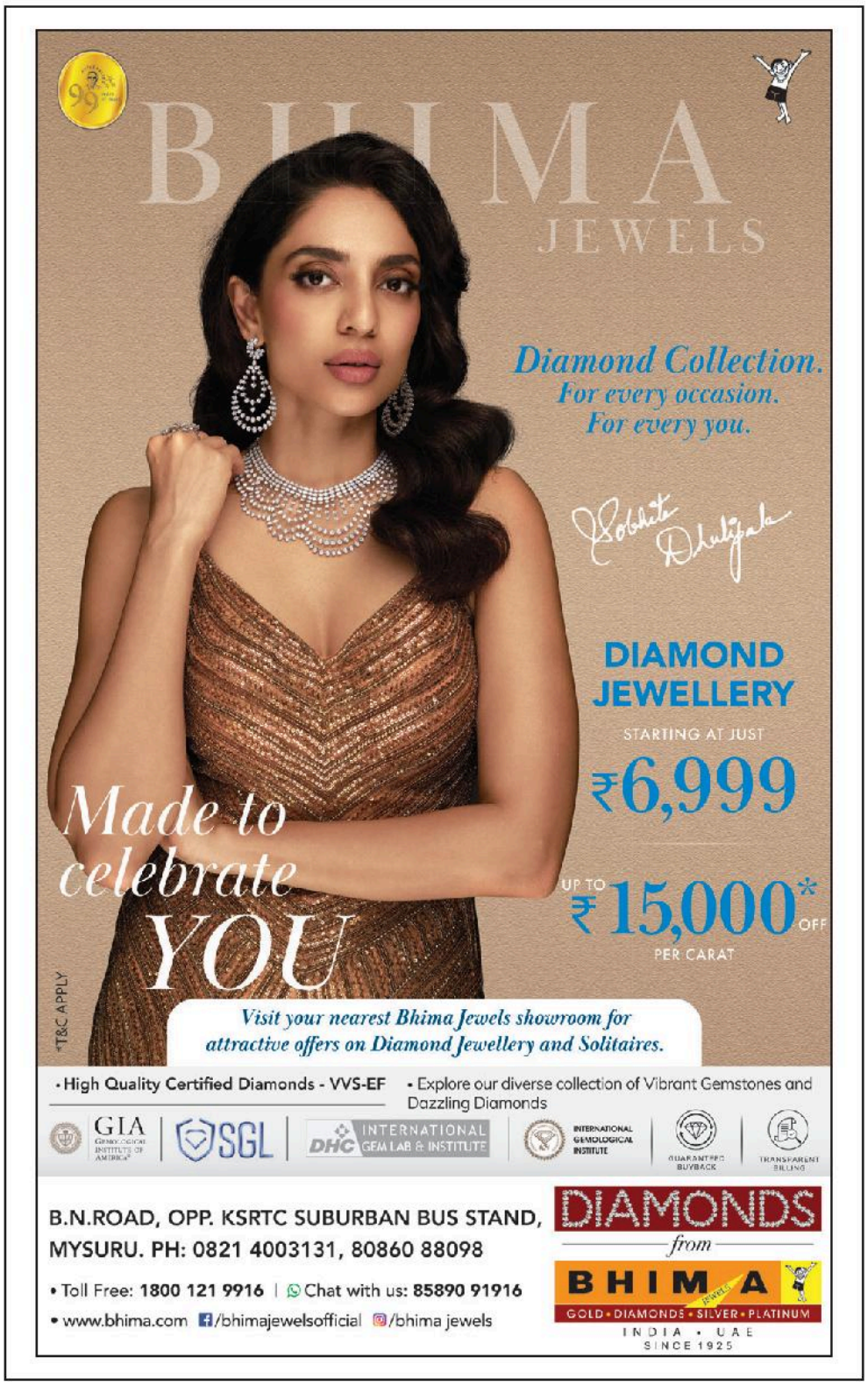

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 29th December 2023

Bank of Maharashtra opens Branch in Vijayanagar

Bank of Maharashtra opened its 42nd Branch at Vijayanagar 4th Stage in Mysuru recently. V.K. Jagadish Babu, Chairman and Managing Director, Sankalp Group, is seen cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the Bank's Branch, as the Bank team looks on. Bank of Maharashtra now has a total of 42 branches and 37 ATMs in Bengaluru Zone, which is spread across 12 districts in South Karnataka.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Birth and death are milestones in one's life. Birth, do we fear? No, since one is not even aware of birth. For the same reason, there's no need to fear death since its occurrence is not known at the current moment, even though a certainty. We mourn the other person's death but innately lack acceptance of our own, either due to fear or the conviction that death will never approach us. Should we fear death?

Our Upanishads helps us to delve deeper into Vedantic texts, which throw light indicating a response to the burning topic of birth-death cycle. The solution is to gain the right knowledge of our own self in order to cause cessation of re-births, which means 'putting an end' to death too. When Sri Adi Shankaracharya during his pilgrimage to the holy city of Kashi chanced upon an elderly man trying to learn a new skill, it occurred to him that instead the man could have spent time worshipping and knowing God. This led him to compose *Bhaja Govindam,* ***the import of which is to make best use of the time at one's disposal to learn to praise God by knowing Him thoroughly.***

In it he implied that death approaches without a forewarning. Birth is an effect while the underlying cause is one's past *karmas.* ***Today's human body is only an expression through birth to undertake right*** *sadhanas* ***in accordance with the*** *Sastras* ***that will result in*** *Moksha* ***or enlightenment — no more rebirth.***

The human though assumes that it is this embodied individual with a dictating mind that propels one to indulge in more *karma* ***to put him back in the cycle of life, a different body each time. Either sentient or insentient is a direct result once again in accordance with*** *karma* ***theory. Birth is without our consent and is celebrated year-on-year. A firm understanding helps that death too happens without our consent and is celebrated year-on-year as past rites.***

The former in one's presence in this embodied self, while the latter by a lamenting group in the absence of one's body. The true "You" is without death and eternally present, as Existence-Consciousness-Bliss. Identification with body causes one to fear death, but in the ultimate goal of Self-realisation there is no reason to fear death. *— Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

This electric car becomes laughing stock

Moscow: The Amber Yantar, a new electric vehicle prototype from Russia, has been dubbed the world's ugliest car because of its bizarre, unattractive design.

The new Amber Yantar, an EV prototype was designed by Avtotor, a Russian carmaker based in Kaliningrad, in collaboration with the Moscow Polytechnic Institute. It was revealed to the public less than a week ago, but it has already become the laughing stock of the entire internet, with photos of its unflattering exterior doing the rounds on social media.

The shockingly uninspired design of the Yantar has sparked countless memes and jokes online, with many calling it the ugliest car ever. Very few technical details have been revealed, but we do know that the Amber Yantar will be very affordable and it will come with a 25kW/h battery. Also, motorists will be able to rent batteries instead of buying them. The car will reach a top speed of 105km/h (65 mph), which isn't that impressive.

Artist who paints with 10 brushes

Belarus: Serge Feeleenger is a self-taught artist from Belarus has gained attention for allegedly inventing the 'ten brushes' painting technique, Serge Feeleenger got the idea for painting with multiple brushes at the same time after becoming annoyed with changing brushes during the artistic process. First, he found a way to attach three brushes to the fingers on his right hand and he added two more brushes to his left hand. Before long, he had a brush attached to every finger on both his hands.

He claims that his painting technique challenges his brain to work differently, building new neural connections and activating right-brain thinking.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular PAPSMEAR test (once in 3 years) is necessary for all women aged 21 to 65 years, who are sexually active. This test is for the detection of any precancerous condition in the mouth of the uterus(cervix) which is treatable.

By Dr. Amulya K.G., Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Amarashilpi Jakanachari Memorial Day on Jan. 1

Mysuru, Dec. 29(BS) - Kannada and Culture Department, District Administration and Vishwakarma Amarashilpi Jakanachari Jayanthyotsava Samiti have jointly organised Vishwakarma Amarashilpi Jakanachari Memorial Day celebrations on Jan. 1 at 10.30 am at Kalamandira in city.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the programme, in the presence of Minister for Animal Husbandry K. Venkatesh. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish will be the chief guests.

MLAs Tanveer Sait, Anil Chikkamadu, G.T. Devegowda, D.Ravishankar, T.R. Srivatsa, Darshan Dhruvanarayan and G.D. Harish Gowda, MLCs Marithibbe Gowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Madhu G. Madegowda and C.N. Manjegowda are among the guests.

Prof. K. Kempegowda will be the main speaker of the event, according to Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Student: *"Don't change the subject!"*

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation has taken up its 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Dattagalli Power Distribution Centre, there will no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Triveni Super Market Area, Kadamba Bakery, Chief Engineer's Office, Dattagalli I-Block, MUDA Employees Layout, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle, Sub-Registrar's Office, Kanakadasanagar, Aditya Circle, Somanathanagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Kergalli, Kalki Layout, Nandi Circle, Jodi Beevina Mara, RT Nagar, R.K. Nagar, Lingambudipalya, University Layout, Vasu Layout, R.K. Nagar K-Block, Mooganahundi, Nagarthahalli, Devagalli, Ballalli, Hanagalli, Thibbayyanahundi, Beerihundi and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (2022-23) of Kumbarakoppal Abhyudaya Sangha will be held at Sri Mahadeshwara Samudaya Bhavan in Kumbarakoppal tomorrow (Dec. 30) at 10.30 am. Sangha President K.T. Cheluvegowda will preside, according to a press release.

'Sneha Milana' on Jan.1

The Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya will be holding 'Sneha Milana' event for Journalists (Both Print and Electronic Media) and former MCC Corporators at its premises on Third Main Road, near Akashavani Circle on KRS Road at 6.30 pm on Jan. 1, 2024. For details, contact Mob: 94483-68019/ 79757-85643, according to a press release.

Ban orders around exam centres

The KPSC will be conducting the written exam for appointment of Inspector of Co-operative Institutions at Maharaja PU College on JLB Road tomorrow (Dec. 30). The city Police have clamped prohibitory orders around the centre from 6 am to 6 pm tomorrow for smooth conduct of the exam. Accordingly, no unauthorised persons will be allowed to the centre and there is a complete ban or carrying objectionable articles to the centre. Also, Photo copy shops in the vicinity of the centre have been ordered to close down during the exam, according to a press release.

Advocate, hubby booked for cheating Rs. 12.24 lakh

The accused had collected amount from a Bengaluru resident towards brokering MUDA sites

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BS)- A case has been booked against an advocate and her husband at Vidyaranyapuram Police station on the charges of cheating an elderly person of Rs. 12.24 lakh in the name of facilitating Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites.

Advocate Anitha and her husband Devendra are the couple who have been booked on the basis of a complaint by M. Nagaraju of Bengaluru. The Police have framed various charges under IPC Sections 420 (cheating), 465 (forgery) and 468 r/w 34 (fraudulent/ dishonest motive), against the accused persons.

Nagaraju, a retired MICO employee in Bengaluru is a resident of Kengeri in the same city. He is a native of Dodda Kavalande, Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru district. His son Anil Kumar has married Girijamba of Mysuru. Girijamba knew Anitha, though an advocate by profession, who was running a garment and bangle store in the name of Koustubha Enterprises near Vishweshwaranagar bus stop here.

Anitha had allegedly offered to broker MUDA sites to Girijamba and her family members under Scheduled Caste (SC) quota. Following this, Girijamba's father-in-law Nagaraju met Anitha in her shop, where the latter offered to broker a site each for the former under senior citizen quota and under SC women's quota for his wife Mallamma, daughter Suneetha, daughter-in-law Girijamba and her relative Roopa.

On Dec. 26, 2018, Anitha collected Rs. 5 lakh towards five sites and issued a receipt, believed to be that of MUDA for Rs. 3.87 lakh. She also collected Rs. 1.5 lakh from Suneetha. Totally, Anitha had allegedly collected Rs. 12.24 lakh from Nagaraju's family alone.

On Aug. 19, 2019, Anitha and her husband Devendra took Nagaraju's family members to Vijayanagar and showed them a few sites and promised to get the Khata done after allotment by MUDA. They also gave them MUDA receipts and some documents related to the sites, according to a complaint lodged at the Police station.

Amid this, Nagaraju came across a newspaper clipping about a complaint lodged against Anitha at Lakshmipuram Police Station for cheating people in the name of brokering MUDA sites. Shocked Nagaraju approached Anitha and her husband, but the latter dismissed his apprehensions calling it as a prank by vested interests.

Not satisfied with their reply, Nagaraju went to MUDA and cross verified the receipts and documents given by the accused, only to learn that they were fake. He later demanded his money back from the accused, who promised to pay back and issued two cheques along with two letters of undertaking drafted by notary.

The cheques got bounced and the accused couple went underground after winding up their business and also renting their own house to a tenant and blocking the phone numbers of Nagaraju and their family members.

Following this, Nagaraju lodged a complaint against Anitha and her husband on Dec. 27 at Vidyaranyapuram Police Station.

Honey Trap Case

Three held for extorting Rs. 5.46 lakh cash, gold from Kerala Contractor

Mysuru, Dec. 29 - The Mysuru Rural Police have arrested three persons including a woman in a honey trapping case, where the three accused had extorted Rs. 5.46 lakh cash and gold ornaments from the Kerala Public Works Department (PWD) contractor.

The incident taken place in March came to light lately. The case was registered at a Police Station in Kerala and was transferred to Mysuru Rural Police Station in July.

Details: Sunny, the 45-year-old Contractor from Kanjirangad village, Wayanad district in Kerala, who wanted to purchase HD Pipes from Chennai had come to the Railway Station in city in his car (KL-25-C-30) along with his driver Abdupastan on Mar. 19. After parking the car at the parking lot of the Railway Station, they left to Chennai and returned to Mysuru on Mar. 21.

At about 6.40 am, when they were proceeding in the car on Manandavadi Road, a two-wheeler rider hit the right side of the car near Parasaiahna Hundi Gate. When Sunny and the driver stopped the car, three persons surrounded the car, abused Sunny and his driver in foul language and assaulted them.

They later pushed Sunny and his driver to the rear seat of the car and one of the assaulters drove the car to a house in Srinagar, where the disrobed the duo and locked them in the house and left from the place. Later, they brought a woman to the house and after making the woman naked, they clicked photos and took videos of Sunny and his driver along with the naked woman and later took the woman away.

After a few minutes, the assaulters brought a person wearing only the inner garments to the room where Sunny and his driver were locked. Another person, claiming to be a Police Sub-Inspector enters the room and shows Sunny the photos and video of him and his driver with the naked woman and demanded Rs. 10 lakh. The so called Sub-Inspector then asks for Rs. 6 lakh to which Sunny agrees to give Rs. 5 lakh.

Sunny then transfers Rs. 1.70 lakh through Net Banking to the Bank account number given by the man claiming to be the Sub-Inspector. Sunny then calls his friend Nasar Gafoor and his brothers over the phone and gets the remaining Rs. 3.30 lakh transferred to the same Bank account.

Sunny and his driver were locked inside the room till 5 pm and the gang then took them in a car and left them near Hunsur. They then gave Rs. 1,000 cash for diesel and returned their mobile phones, which they had taken from them earlier but snatched Sunny's gold finger ring, wallet and Rs. 46,000 cash before fleeing from the spot.

Sunny and his driver, who reached Kerala in the early morning of Mar. 22, got themselves treated at the Government Hospital in Kalpetta and lodged a complaint at Thirunelly Police Station.

Thirunelly Police, who registered a case, forwarded the case to the DGP Office in Karnataka, as the crime had taken place there. The DGP then handed over the case to Mysuru Rural Police on July 6 and the case was registered. The Police, based on the Bank account number and a few technical clues, arrested prime accused Fazalulla Rehaman, Rizwan and Monica.

It is learnt that this gang had made honey trapping rich persons as a profession. Rizwan, who was earlier working as a driver to a Kerala businessman, had brought the businessman to Madikeri on the pretext of getting him married, where he joined others and honey trapped the businessman besides extorting Rs. 10 lakh from him. Madikeri Police had arrested the accused and Rizwan was sent to jail in the case.

Tipper vehicle ploughs into flock

18 sheep killed

Nanjangud, Dec. 29- Eighteen sheep were killed on the spot while 40 sheep and a shepherd were seriously injured when a speeding tipper vehicle ploughed into the flock near Indiranagar on Hediyala-Begur Main Road yesterday.

The flock belonged to Murali of Hiriyur in Chitradurga district and the three shepherds used to move to flock from one place to another in search of grass for the sheep to graze.

Yesterday morning, the shepherds were taking the flock for grazing during which the speeding M-Sand laden tipper, which was coming from Gundlupet side towards Hediyala, ploughed into the flock of sheep killing 18 sheep and leaving 40 of them critically injured.

One of the shepherds Bommanna, who was taking the flock for grazing sustained serious injuries, was rushed to Nanjangud Government Hospital. After Bommanna was given first-aid, at Nanjangud Government Hospital, he was shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru on the advice of doctors for further treatment.

Soon after committing the accident, the tipper driver fled from the spot. The public have complained that rash and negligent driving by the tipper diver caused the accident. Hullahalli Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

VOICE OF THE READER

Bring this road in Yadavagiri back to its original shape

Sir,

The pipe-laying works funded by the Central Government have been completed at Yadavagiri. However, there are concerns regarding the road from the traffic signal lights to the start of Paramahamsa Road.

Only half of the road has been tarred, and the other half is riddled with potholes and stones protruding from the surface, likely caused by the movement of heavy machinery during the construction process.

It is regrettable that the entire stretch was not fully addressed, leaving it in an incomplete state. Specifically, a section of the 1st Main Paramahamsa Road needs urgent attention.

The unfinished road generates a significant amount of dust and even has the potential to damage vehicles, especially cars.

Given that this road serves as a vital link between Bannimantap and Vontikoppal, the excessive dust poses a health risk.

The situation has persisted for over 8 months, forcing some residents to vacate their homes due to constant noise and dust. There were instances when entry into homes became challenging. While residents understand the necessity for infrastructure development, the prolonged inconvenience has taken a toll on their daily lives.

Additionally, the Church Road is currently blocked for traffic. Urgent attention is needed to address these issues, including the completion of road construction.

— Dr. S.N. Rajeshwar (Raju)
Yadavagiri
22.12.2023

Anjaneyaswamy procession in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (GA & DM)- As part of Hanuma Jayanti, the Hanumanthotsava Samiti will be taking out a grand procession of Anjaneyaswamy in city tomorrow (Dec.30).

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Samiti Convenor Sanjay said that the procession will be launched from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 11.20 am.

The procession will pass through Ashoka Road, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Narayana Shastry Road and Chamaraja Double Road before culminating at Gun House Circle.

With the inauguration of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya to take place on Jan. 22, the procession will also feature a tableau of Ram Mandir, he said and appealed the public to take part in large numbers. Posters were released on the occasion.

Samiti members Jeevan, Kumar, Abhilash, Mohan Santosh and Nitin were present.

Bhagavadgita Parayana at Maharshi Public School

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (GA & DM)- As part of Sri Gita Jayanti, the Mysuru Dharmika Pratishtana will be conducting a Mass Bhagavadgita Parayana at Maharshi Public School in the city tomorrow (Dec. 30).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Charan, an office-bearer of the Pratishtana said that the event will begin with *Gopuja* at 9 am.

Noted Orator Chakravarthi Sulibele will deliver a lecture. ISKCON Vice-President Karunya Sagar Das will grace the occasion. More than 3,500 children from over 30 schools will be taking part in the event, Sagar said adding that the Parayana will feature rendition of Chapters 1 to 4 and 12 of the Bhagavadgita. He further said that a model of Ayodhya Ram Mandir will be put on display on the occasion.

Sharan, Kokila, Ganesh and Rekha were present at the press meet.

Lions interaction meet

Mysuru, Dec. 29- The Mysuru Lions International District 317G will be holding an interaction meet on 'Success through Leadership' tomorrow (Dec. 30) at Chikkamma Niketana Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar, according to Lions International Region Chairman H.G. Vittal, who addressed a press meet here yesterday.

Focus Academy Founder D.T. Ramanuja will deliver a talk. The sump and RO water units set up by the Lions Clubs in Government Schools will be inaugurated on the occasion, he said.

Lions Arjun, M.N. Jaiprakash and Vinod Rajashekar were present at the press meet.

Mysuru, Hassan in race for Karnataka's second IIT

Proposal made in 2015 by academicians and industrialists favouring Mysuru gains renewed momentum

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BLU&BCT)- The initiative to position Mysuru as an optimal location for the establishment of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has gained renewed momentum, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah recently presented a proposal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Narendra Modi Siddaramaiah

In his submission to the Prime Minister, the CM highlighted Mysuru as the top choice for setting up the IIT, with Hassan being considered as the second preference. Former Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Revanna, who is also the current Holenarasipura MLA, has strongly advocated for the establishment of an IIT in Hassan and has already identified a substantial land area for this purpose.

Notably, if an IIT is established in either Mysuru or Hassan, it would mark the second IIT in Karnataka, following the one establishing in Dharwad. Sources suggest that PM Modi has responded positively to CM Siddaramaiah's proposal that has mentioned that the State Government would extend all possible support including land and infrastructure for IIT.

Revanna has been steadfast in advocating for the establishment of IIT in Hassan, with an extensive 1,100 acres of land already earmarked for this purpose by KIADB during JD(S)-BJP regime in the State in 2007.

Previously, former PM H.D. Deve Gowda engaged with PM Modi, urging the setup of an IIT in the district. The acquired land for the institute is located near the Bengaluru-Mangaluru Highway, and the ongoing Bengaluru-Hassan railway project adds to its appeal. The connectivity and infrastructure make Hassan an ideal choice for the proposed IIT, he told the PM.

Mysuru Vs Hassan

The process of recommending the establishment of an IIT involves the State Government as it is the recommending authority and Revanna has been urging Siddaramaiah to endorse Hassan as the preferred location.

However, Siddaramaiah, with a preference for his home district of Mysuru, faced the challenge of balancing competing interests. In the past too, he yielded to public pressure by supporting the establishment of the Dharwad IIT instead of bringing the premier institute to his hometown.

Due to Revanna's persistent appeals, Siddaramaiah eventually wrote to the Prime Minister, requesting the establishment of an IIT in South Karnataka. In the letter, Mysuru was cited as the primary preference, with Hassan listed as the secondary choice.

To lay the groundwork for this proposal, Revanna held discussions with Siddaramaiah on Dec. 20, 2023, in New Delhi. In a related development, on Dec. 21, former PM Deve Gowda, Revanna and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy met Modi in Delhi to reiterate their demand for an IIT in Hassan. During this meeting, Siddaramaiah's letter, along with the State Government's proposal for the third IIT, was submitted to Modi, who reportedly responded positively, according to sources.

Academicians and industrialists in favour

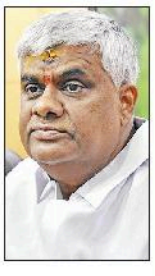
Efforts to position Mysuru as the preferred location for an IIT have a history dating back to 2015. Initially proposed in that year, the idea garnered support from academics and the Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) as they advocated for establishing this prestigious institute in Mysuru.

During the CM's first term, the MCCI, emphasising merit as the primary criterion, wrote a letter endorsing the necessity of an IIT in Mysuru. According to the MCCI, the presence of an IIT would significantly impact the overall trade and industrial development in the region.

Highlighting the considerable contribution of Mysureans to the nation's pool of IITians, technologists and scientists, the MCCI underscored the potential benefits. Besides fostering better interactions between industry and institutions, the establishment of an IIT in Mysuru could catalyse entrepreneurial talent among the younger generation, thereby restoring Mysuru's status as a premier educational hub.

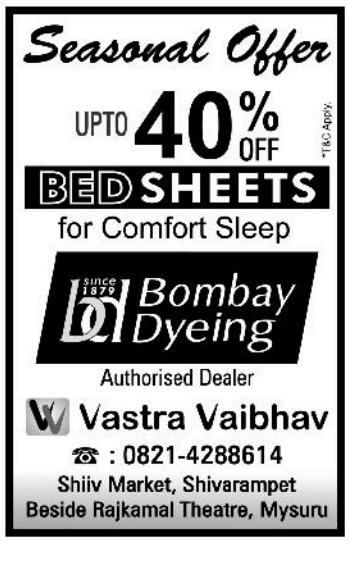
The city's appeal for hosting an IIT is further supported by its expansive developed industrial area, second only to Bengaluru. Eminent educationists also endorsed Mysuru as an ideal location due to factors such as ready availability of land, favourable weather, educational /career opportunities for families of IIT staff and excellent connectivity.

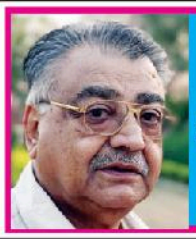
'IIT must be established in the Old Mysore region'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has responded positively to the demand for establishing another IIT in Karnataka. The demand for an IIT in Hassan has been active since 2016. However, due to consistent demand for establishing an IIT in Mysuru and being his home district, Siddaramaiah has prioritised Mysuru for this initiative. Our primary focus is not on establishing an IIT in Hassan or Mysuru. Instead, we strongly advocate for the establishment of the IIT in the Old Mysore region, though we are amenable to it being established in Mysuru. Considering the entirety and significance of this region, we firmly believe that an IIT must be established in the Old Mysore region. In the event that the IIT is allotted to Hassan, we have already reserved 1,100 acres of land for it, eliminating the need to search for additional land."

—H.D. Revanna, Holenarasipura MLA and former Minister





Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on statues in our city

How about one for Farrokh K. Irani?

In the early days of this month December 2023 there was an important news break concerning installation of a statue in our City of Palaces, Heritage Buildings, Parks, Temples, and, of course, of Statues which is a recent phenomenon.

As I remember, before 1970s there were only two iconic statues — that of Chamaraja Wadiyar at the North Gate of the Palace under a golden dome and another at K.R. Circle, the hub of downtown area, of Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, also under a dome. Then there was an apology of a statue at the park in front of Lansdowne building that of the grand-old-man of the city affectionately called Thathaiah — a multifaceted personality — a journalist, freedom fighter and a man of social service.

However, over the years as the heritage buildings began to crumble, collapse and disappear, parks began to shrink and the Palace passed on to the Government, the social-political influence of the descendants of Wadiyar dynasty began to wane. The only new phenomenon we are observing is the mushrooming of statues of politicians, poets, saints and war heroes of the past all over the city.

Here one must recall what Supreme Court in a judgement had said about granting permission for installation of any statue or construction of any structure in public roads, pavements, sideways and other public utility places. The Supreme Court had said that the State Government shall not grant any permission for such installation of statues or construction of structures. It is, however, ambiguous if there is a blanket ban or the ban is qualified.

Be that as it may, the hard fact is that there is a controversy about the installation of a statue of late **Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt,** who revolutionised the realm of education not only in our city but all over the State, country and even abroad by setting up educational institutions of various streams, including the medical colleges and hospitals, engineering and other colleges. Indeed, at a time when the State Government was straining to provide needed education, Suttur Seer undertook this daunting task and succeeded.

Farrokh K. Irani (1921-1985)

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Such a noble and great soul indeed must be honoured by installing a statue in a city, Mysuru, which was his *Karmabhoomi.* But the question raised by some is about its location at the Gun House Circle to the North of the Palace as the Royalty says it has the entitlement for this location to install the statue of one of its scions.

I reflect on this controversy and the new-found interest among some in installing statues with the apprehension that this statue culture might submerge the city to a point of inanity. Wonder why not install beautiful, creative sculptures by noted sculptors of our city or country in parks and public places like in many foreign countries?

Anyway, I am provoked to remember late **Farrokh Khudamurad Irani,** popularly known as F.K. Irani, the city's celebrated celebrity, industrialist who gave the country the iconic Jawa motorcycle, manufactured in our city, giving employment to over 2,500 people and a boost to many ancillary industries, in the midst of this statue conundrum.

He was a friend of the last Maharaja of Mysore H.H. Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, (whose statue, installed at Hardinge Circle, now adorns in line with his two predecessors who ruled Mysore Principality) with whom he played golf; a permanent invitee to the Dasara Durbar at Mysore Palace, Chairman of Mysore Race Club (MRC) and President of Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club) for over 16 years, founder of Ideal Jawa Rotary School, member of CITB (now MUDA) and above all a great philanthropist. When there was a midnight fire that gutted the Devaraja Market, Farrokh Irani was among the first one to rush to the spot and get his men and machines to douse the fire side by side with the Fire Brigade. He never sent away anyone who sought his help empty handed.

Leaving modesty aside, I do take pride in claiming to have known him as a Rotary member and also as a member of the Sports Club. I found him as a most friendly, affable person who would love to relax with any friendly soul over a drink which he offered most generously. Such a man who gave much of his life for this city died on 24th October 1985 in Mumbai after a brief illness. He lived in Nazarbad and the Jawa Factory was in Yadavagiri where now stands the Sankalp Central Park towers.

On 25th October, the following day of his death I paid him a tribute and in the last paragraph I wrote: *"It was an irony of fate that the city had to celebrate the Dasara Festival this year without Irani. I painfully recall the 'promise' he had made to a group of close friends, where I was present, before leaving for Bombay for medical treatment. In his usual style he had told us that he would return to city to participate in Dasara procession. That was during the 1st week of this month. But the fate had willed otherwise. Probably, for the first time in his life here Irani could not keep up his promise. We miss him forever."*

Citizens of Mysuru would have loved to see one of the important roads named after him. But all I see today is a junction at Police Commissioner's Office named after him. The irony of it all is that the Children's Traffic Park at this junction was his contribution. To such a person, our authorities and his beneficiaries in the city should have conferred a greater honour than just naming of that 'junction' after him. **How about naming an important road near his factory or his house or installing a statue?**

Among those who deeply mourned his death was Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, who on reading the news of Irani's death in *Star of Mysore* dated 25th October 1985, wrote a moving letter of condolence to Irani's wife Sheila Irani on 28th October 1985. The last paragraph of this letter expresses his sentiment and a suggestion to acknowledge Farrokh Irani's service to Mysuru City with a **statue.** Let me quote Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa:

"I hope one day we will see a ***statue*** *of this great man in some most prominent place in Mysuru to remind the future generation to serve as efficiently and as magnificently as our very dear Farrokh served."*

Hellow. Is anyone hearing the Field Marshal?

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New Year Eve

Small hotels, bakeries seek 1 am deadline

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BCT)- Hours after City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth announced that New Year's Eve celebrations must conclude by 1 am on the intervening night of Dec. 31, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024, the Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association has requested the City Police to extend closing time of small hotels and eateries to 1 am from the current regular timings of 10.30 pm.

In a memorandum submitted to the City Police Chief, Association President C. Narayanagowda stated that the majority of tourists visiting Mysuru intend to welcome the New Year in a grand and peaceful manner along with their families. Therefore, he suggested that all hotels, bakeries, sweet shops and restaurants be permitted to remain open until 1 am, as these establishments play a crucial role in extending hospitality to the guests.

The memorandum states that usually, Police teams come to the premises of hotels, bakeries and restaurants asking them to close by 10.30 pm.

Narayanagowda requested for an official communication from the Police Commissioner in this regard so that both the hoteliers and tourists benefit from the extended timings.

Obituary

Jagadish

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Jagadish (57), brother-in-law of former MLA M.K. Somashekar and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Suguna, daughter Bhavana and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kuvempunagar Burial Grounds yesterday.

Alhaj Mohammed Akbar

Alhaj Mohammed Akbar (94), a native of Dhanagur in Malavalli taluk, passed away yesterday in city.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed at Allah Masjid near Government Guest House today.

Habeeba

Habeeba (40), daughter of Alhaj Mansoor Sait Kushali, Hon. President of Masjid Hali Meamoon Jamath at Shivarampet and Jamia Tipu Arabic College, Mysuru, passed away following brief illness at Dubai yesterday.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place in Dubai today.

Statue of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at Gun House Circle

Construction work begins at brisk pace; protest planned

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BLU&BCT)- Days after the installation of the statue of the late Suttur Seer Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at the Gun House Circle near Mysore Palace, a subject of dispute among various organisations, brisk construction work has commenced around the pedestal of the statue.

While the outer perimeter of the site has been enclosed with railings and covered in green cloth, internal activities involving concrete work and excavation are progressing rapidly.

Despite the swift pace of the construction, the controversy surrounding the statue persists, with members of the Urs community, under the banner of Urs Mandali, asserting that the installation of the statue violates Court orders. Moreover, they claim that the ongoing development works are in violation of guidelines from both the Supreme Court and the High Court.

There has been a divided stance among factions regarding the installation of Sri Rajendra Swamiji's statue at Gun House Circle, situated near the South Gate of the Mysore Palace. Simultaneously, another group has been advocating installing Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar's statue in the same location. The Gun House Circle is positioned in front of the JSS Mahavidyapeetha building.

Urs Mandali objects

In the aftermath of the controversy, the statue remains veiled and has not been unveiled. Expressing opposition to the ongoing construction, H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs, the President of Urs Mandali, told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the developments were regrettable, and they are prepared to address the matter through legal means.

He said, "Let them produce the Court order permitting construction, and we will not object. In fact, the District-level Committee, authorised by the Karnataka High Court to make decisions regarding the statue installation, should have conveyed its decision to the High Court, allowing the Court to adjudicate the matter. However, the decisions or discussions from the District-level Committee meeting have been misconstrued as the final Court order, leading to the commencement of construction. This is illegal."

Protest plan on Jan. 2, 2024

Representatives from Urs Mandali met with City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth yesterday, seeking permission to initiate an indefinite protest by the Urs community at Gun House Circle. "The Commissioner informed us that an indefinite protest is out of the question as it may lead to law and order issues. Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra is currently out of the station (in New Delhi for election training), and permitting an indefinite stir is not feasible," explained Lingaraje Urs.

He added that a one-day protest is scheduled for Jan. 2, 2024. In a related development, Subramanya of the Urs Mandali has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Court before the Bench headed by Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale, with a hearing set for January 2, 2024. Lingaraje Urs noted, "We are prepared to approach the Supreme Court if necessary."

'No comments'

When *Star of Mysore* contacted Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, to seek his reaction on the construction activities around the statue pedestal, he declined to comment, stating, "no comments." When queried about the entity responsible for the construction works, he responded, *"I have no information about who is undertaking the construction works, and I am unaware of this."*

Kuvempu opposed blind faith: GTD

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RK&DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said that "Poet Laureate Kuvempu (Kuppali Venkatappa Puttappa) opposed blind faith, blind belief and observation based on mere traditions."

He was speaking during 'Vishwa Manava Dinacharane', the birth anniversary of Kuvempu, organised jointly by the District Administration and Kannada and Culture Department at Kalamandira here this morning.

Highlighting Kuvempu's contributions to literary world, GTD said that Kuvempu was an advocate of peace, harmony and well-being of the society. Pointing out that Kuvempu's messages helped bring peace and harmony in the society, he said that his inspired writings helped him earn the title of 'Rashtrakavi'.

"Kuvempu adopted 12th century social reformer Basavanna's principles and practiced them throughout his life. He also inspired crores of Kannadigas during the unification of Karnataka and was a mentor to many Kannada writers. His concept of 'Sarva Janangada Shantiya Thota' has attracted the attention of the entire world. He strived to bring about changes in the system by giving a message against blind beliefs and faiths (Kandachara). Following his messages will be the best tribute that we can pay to the Rashtrakavi", he said.

Earlier floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Kuvempu.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Additional DC R. Lokanath, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, MCC Deputy Commissioner G.S. Somashekar and other officials were present.

Mysore Airport: MP holds meeting on runway expansion

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Earlier, MP Pratap Simmha held a meeting with Officers of Mysore Airport and Karnataka Industrial Areas Board (KIADB) to review developments related to expansion of the Airport.

Director of Mysore Airport J.R. Anup and Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) of KIADB V. Priyadarshini and other officers attended the meeting.

Kaynes goes to Telangana

Mysuru-based Kaynes Technologies had plans to establish a much-discussed semiconductor plant at Kochanahalli near Nanjangud. But the company shifted the plan to Telangana, as the current Congress Government in Karnataka did not allot the required land despite entering into a MoU, Simmha regretted.

Sri Ram Mandir

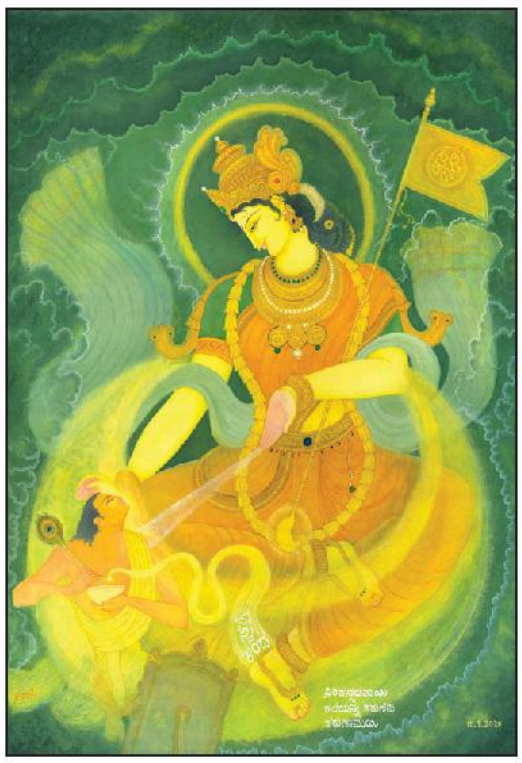
Simmha also gave a call to the managements of various temples in the district to organise special pujas and bhajans on the occasion of inauguration of Sri Ram Mandir on Jan. 22, 2024 at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayor Shivakumar and BJP Minority Morcha State President Dr. Anil Thomas were present at the press meet.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra begins

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was flagged off at Sharadadevinagar Circle in the city this morning. The yatra will cover 254 Gram Panchayats (GP) in Mysuru district and 104 GPs in Kodagu and 65 wards of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

During the Yatra, it was publicised that eligible beneficiaries can enrol under various schemes of the Centre like — PM Kisan Samman Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Ujjwala among others. The eligible beneficiaries under Ujjwala scheme were distributed the benefits on the occasion.

Varnashilpi K. Venkatappa Award conferred on Mysuru's G.L.N. Simha



Paintings by artist G.L.N. Simha.

G.L.N. Simha

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BCT)- The State Government has honoured G.L.N. Simha, a distinguished artist from Mysuru, with the prestigious Varnashilpi K. Venkatappa Award for the year 2022-23. Established in 1993, this annual award recognises a senior artist for significant contributions to the field of visual art.

At the age of 86, Simha stands as an artist par excellence, dedicating his life to the pursuit of creativity with the unwavering focus of a tapaswi. His innate talent for drawing and painting was cultivated at the Chamarajendra Technical Institute, the predecessor of today's CAVA, where he imbibed the nuances of art from 1954 to 1959 under the guidance of stalwart teachers such as F.M. Soofi, Y. Subramanya Raju and S.N. Swamy.

Simha's artistic journey spans decades, divided into distinct phases. From 1962 to 1970, he enriched Kannada cultural magazines like *Gokula, Kailasa, Sudha* and *Mayura* with his exquisite and sensitive illustrations.

In the subsequent phase, from 1970 to 1990, he continued his artistic odyssey as a freelance artist. The third phase, commencing in 1990, unleashed his creativity into the realm of fantastical imagery inspired by Indian Epics, Puranas and Vedas.

Since 2001, Simha has given tangible form to the profound thoughts of *Vedic Suktas* such as *Sri Sukta, Purusha Sukta, Vagambhrini Sukta, Rudra Sukta* and verses from *Puranas* like *Kalika Purana, Ganesha Purana* and *Dashamahavidya.* His visual interpretation of Jayadeva's Geeta Govinda's *Dashavatara stotra* is particularly noteworthy.

Simha meticulously selects subjects from India's vast scriptural heritage, aiming to reveal the inner meanings encapsulated in the *shlokas,* resonating with positive vibrations. His paintings, rooted in the teachings of Vedas and Puranas, bridge the gap between these ancient texts and contemporary observers.

For instance, his *Sri Sukta* paintings portray wealth as a conduit connecting the human world with nature, animals and everything therein, imparting a sense of social responsibility.

Simha's artistic legacy is a lifetime achievement in itself, promising to shape a new genre of visual art for years to come. The conferment of the Venkatappa Award has added lustre to the accolade, underscoring the significance of G.L.N. Simha's contribution to the world of art.

Shilpi Agarwal inaugurates Art Expo

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Sri Sharada Public School held an art exhibition at its campus in city recently, showcasing the talents and creativity of students.

The exhibition featured a wide variety of artwork, including paintings, sculptures, vegetable carvings and rice art.

Shilpi Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the exhibition by cutting the ribbon.

The DRM also appreciated the students' art work.

R. Manjunath Srivatsa, Secretary of the School, Shwetha Manjunath, Trustee, M. Gururaja, Administrator, M.V. Shalini, School Principal, staff, students and parents were present on the occasion.

Pt. Ronu Majumdar's flute concert on Jan. 1

In memory of Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan S. Mahadevappa

Pt. Ronu Majumdar

Pt. Ravindra Yavagal

Mysuru, Dec. 29- In memory of renowned guru, violinist, Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan S. Mahadevappa a concert is being conducted by his family and disciples on Jan. 1 at 6 pm at Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS Women's College in city.

The concert is to pay tribute to his yeomen contribution to the felid of Karnatak music. This year marks the 5th anniversary of such concerts titled "Danyasi," a favoruite raga of Mahadevappa.

Renowned maestro Pt. Ronu Majumdar will present a flute recital accompanied on tabla by Pt. Ravindra Yavagal.

Profile: Vid. S. Mahadevappa was born in a small village called Mudigundam near Mysore. Initiated into classical music at an early age, he had his formal training in vocal music and violin under the tutelage of Narayanaswamy of Kollegal.

Later he was accepted as a student by one of the great musicians of Karnataka, T. Puttaswamiah, younger brother of legendary vilolinist T. Chowdiah. He had a rigorous training in a traditional Gurukula system. It was here where Mahadevappa was introduced to the great musical ideas of chaste classical music and began perfecting all sections of the great divine art.

Mahadevappa's artistry is the quintessence of the pristine purity of the respected Bidaram school of Sri Thyagarajaswamy Paramapara in which he is the torch bearer. It did not take long for Mahadevappa to establish as a leading violinist. He had the opportunity to widen his musical ideas by accompanying some of the greatest musicians of yesteryears.

One of the most successful violinists and teachers, Mahadevappa was offered the post of the Head of the Department of Violin at University of Mysore where he served as a Professor for almost 26 years.

Vid. S. Mahadevappa

Consolidating the enormous achievements of his predecessors and different new approach of contemporary Violinists, Mahadevappa designed a totally new and complete violin techniques creating an ideal style to express the great versatility of violin with strict adherence to classicism.

He imparted rigorous training to his children — Violinists Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath (Mysore Brothers) in this style.

Pt. Ronu Majumdar: Disciple of *Bharat Ratna* Pandit Ravishankar, Ronu Majumdar is an artiste of national and international repute. Belonging to the Maihar Gharana, he is considered as one of the leading Flautists of our nation and has received a Grammy nomination for his work on the album *Tabula Rasa*.

Ronu Majumdar has received Sangeet Natak Academy Award 2014 and Lifetime Achievement Award by Navbharat Times. He has represented India on international musical platforms on many occasions

Pt. Ravindra Yavagal: A veteran tabla artiste, Ravindra's presence spans across national and international concert circuits. His tabla art has a distinct gayaki (vocal) aspect, with percussive expressions that bend and stretch like the human voice.

Amid COVID-19 JN.1 variant threat…

Tourist surge sparks concerns at city Zoo

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (BLU&BCT)- The surge in tourist arrivals in Mysuru since Dec. 23 has brought joy to the hotel, hospitality and travel industry.

However, it has also created concerns for the authorities overseeing Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, commonly known as Mysuru Zoo, due to the ongoing threat of the COVID-19 JN.1 variant.

Each day, the Zoo attracts thousands of tourists, with the influx beginning as soon as the gates open. Visitors typically spend the entire day observing the animals, which raises the potential risk of disease spread among the animals, considering their heightened vulnerability.

The majority of tourists visiting Mysuru are from Kerala, where the COVID-19 JN.1 variant is currently most active. Additionally, Mysuru itself is experiencing an alarming increase in COVID-19 cases. Despite the substantial influx of visitors at the Zoo entrance gates, all individuals are subjected to thermal screening before entry.

Concerns arise among authorities due to the potential for errors during the thermal screening process and there is an increased burden on the gatekeepers and sometimes they allow the people inside without proper screening. Zoo officers recognise the need for meticulous screening becomes crucial to mitigate the risk of introducing the virus into the Zoo premises, considering the challenging circumstances.

It is noteworthy that, given the virus's transmission through physical contact, the layout of the Zoo provides a measure of safety, with animal enclosures positioned at a distance from visitor galleries and walkways.

Precautionary measures

Animal keepers act as intermediaries between Zoo animals and tourists. Consequently, these keepers have received instructions to take precautions, including the mandatory use of high-quality masks at all times.

The Zoo staff have undergone training in safe animal handling practices, the correct utilisation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and adherence to hygiene protocols. Officials have established and communicated clear guidelines for staff interactions with both animals and visitors, particularly during this period of heightened awareness.

Zoo Executive Director Mahesh Kumar stated, "We have implemented heightened hygiene practices within animal enclosures, ensured proper ventilation and minimised unnecessary contact with animals, especially those considered susceptible to the virus. Continuous monitoring of animals for any potential signs of illness remains a top priority."

"We have taken all necessary precautions and currently, there is no need to close the Zoo for visitors, as was done during the first and second waves of COVID in 2020 and 2021. If the Government mandates closure in the event of a surge in cases, we will comply. However, such a situation has not arisen as of now," he explained.

Visitors are required to walk over a disinfectant 'foot dip' at the entrance of the Zoo and the entire premises is sanitised after the Zoo closes in the evening. To ensure safety of animals, food is properly cooked and fruits are washed with chemicals and water before being fed to them, Mahesh Kumar added.

Tourists unhappy with Kakanakote safari point

Visitors made to wait for hours at counters for tickets; but tickets allegedly sold in bulk to resorts

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (MTY&BCT)- The influx of tourists has extended into forests such as Bandipur and Nagarahole, resulting in a surge of visitors. Unfortunately, tourists have been expressing dissatisfaction with their experiences at jungle safari points, citing prolonged waiting times due to mismanagement.

The Forest Department is facing criticism for inadequate management of the safari points. Allegations from safari-goers claim that all tickets are sold in bulk to nearby resorts and their agents, leaving minimal opportunities for sales at counters. This has led to dissatisfaction among tourists, many of whom are arriving in large numbers from other States, expressing discontent with the existing arrangements.

Yesterday, at the Kakanakote Safari Point (Dammanakatte of H.D. Kote) in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, a verbal altercation erupted between tourists and the safari point staff. This confrontation occurred because safari goers had to leave without the opportunity to witness wild animals, adding to their frustration.

It all began in the morning as tourists patiently formed a long queue in front of the safari ticket counter at Kakanakote Safari Point, eagerly awaiting their turn to purchase tickets. To their dismay, the counter remained closed and the staff conveyed to the waiting tourists that the individual responsible for ticket issuance had to attend a Court proceeding related to a legal case.

Assurances were given by the staff that a person would arrive shortly, even as the queue continued to grow under the scorching sun. However, much to the frustration of the tourists, the ticket counter person did not appear even after two to three hours. After an exasperating wait of over four hours, the tourists were eventually informed that all the tickets were booked online and there were no offline or counter tickets. Angry tourists took the staff to task and heated arguments ensued.

50 percent rule cited

The tourists raised concerns about the online sale of all tickets, pointing out a clear rule stipulating that 50 percent of the tickets must be available for offline purchase at the counters. Expressing their frustration, the tourists informed the Nagarahole staff that they had travelled from outside Karnataka and had been standing in the queue since 11 am.

Kakanakote Safari Centre at Dammanakatte in Antharasanthe forest range, is renowned for black leopard sightings near Kabini backwaters. Due to its popularity, a multitude of tourists visits daily in the hope of seeing the elusive leopard or other wildlife. Enduring long waits, they also willingly pay extra as camera fees.

Facing wrath from the disgruntled tourists, the staff attempted to shift blame onto their officers. In response, several tourists sought the details of the officers and requested their presence. Unfortunately, no officers arrived and the disappointed tourists were compelled to leave.

The tourists were particularly upset by the behaviour of the staff, noting that even elderly individuals were forced to endure the hot sun. Expressing their discontent on social media, they accused the Forest Department of incompetence and alleged that it succumbed to pressure from influential individuals and resort owners who reportedly purchased tickets in bulk.

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The General Public at large is hereby notified that, my client has desirous to purchase the under mentioned property from its owners **[1] Sri. MADANLAL J HINDUJA, [2] Sri. RAJENDRA J HINDUJA, and [3] Sri. DINESH J HINDUJA,** all are sons of Late Jhamandas H. Hinduja. If, any person/(s), including Bank, Financial Institutions, Private Financier and all Statutory Authorities, claiming any right, interest, objections or charges and any Civil Suit, on the Schedule Property or any part thereof, is/are hereby required to contact me at my office **SLD Law Firm, No. 1458/A, N.S. Road, Near Sapna Book House, Mysuru,** with documentary evidences, **withir 07 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said transaction will be completed without any references or regards to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

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ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Immovable Property bearing No. 114/86 as per the Alanahalli Grama Pranchayath, Form-11B (Rule 30(7), the RDPR No. 152200433035000239, carved out of converted lands in **Survey No. 25/1 and Survey No. 25/2,** totally measurement 05 Acres 04 Guntas, situated at Nadanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, with a building thereon. Bounded on East by Land in Survey No. 26, West by Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 25/1 Retained by the Vendor followed by Sy. No. 24, North by Government Halla and Survey No. 28 and South by Mysuru Bannur Road.

Sd/- **Smt. Srilatha Dixit**, Advocate, SLD Law Firm, Mob: +91 9844640641 email: sldlawfirm2021@gmail.com

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 29)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Vanita Sadana, Mysuru:** 86th anniversary celebrations, Vanita Sadana President N. Bharati presides, retd. Deputy Director of Education Department Manjula chief guest, Vanita Sadana premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Mahajana Educational Institutions - Mahajana High School, Jayalakshmipuram:** 86th School Day celebrations, Industrialist Ashok Govindegowda and North Zeona BEO Krishna chief guests, Mahajana Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar presides, Vivekananda auditorium, Mahajana PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar:** 31st Annual Day, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 Prof. S.P. Manjunath presides, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayithri chief guest, Department of School Education Deputy Director H.K. Pandu delivers valedictory address, School premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** B.V. Srinivasa Raghavan and Lalitha Raghavan Memorial Karnatak Classical Guitar Concert by Dr. Ranjan Vasudevan, accompanied by Vid. KeshavMohan Kumar on violin, Vid. V.A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Karthik on kanjira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, Sumana, Advocate, Mysuru, delivers lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Working Women,' Prof. B.S. Chandrashekar, Director, Directorate of Students Welfare, Manasagangothri, presides, Working Women's Hostel, Manasagangothri, **7 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana and Indian Heritage Cities Network:** Renowned patron of the arts R.G. Singh, Secretary of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana, inaugurates the week-long Art Show titled 'Trees, Water, Stardust' by Aadirika Kaddu and Desai Somesh, **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm;** 'Nature is Teacher' - Performance by M.N. Chandrakala, Desai Somesh and Rituparna Desai, The Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm to 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 91089-14511]

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 30)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5.30 am to 10.30 am** and **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri 101 Ganapati Temple:** 'Samoohika Udyapane' of 21st Month Sankashtahara Chaturti Vrata, Pancha Sahasra Modaka Homa, **9 am;** Poornahuti, Kumbhabhisheka, **12 noon;** Mahamangalarati in the presence of Mysore Royal Family member Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, **5.15 pm;** Donation of 21 Ganapati idol as part of Sankashta Chaturti and Vrata Katha Pathana, **7.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati, Sri 101 Ganapati Temple, K.R. Mohalla, **8.30 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakendra, Mysuru:** Endowment Programme, Interaction on 'Vachana literature and social values,' Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha President M. Papegowda inaugurates, Prof. Chandrashekaraiah, Dr. Kavitha Rai and Dr. R. Guruswamy resource persons, Dr. H. Muddumallesh moderator, Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Sri Sharada auditorium, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakendra, Ramakrishnanagar, **10 am.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana and Indian Heritage Cities Network:** Art Show titled 'Trees, Water, Stardust' by Aadirika Kaddu and Desai Somesh, The Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm;** 'Devi, Rakshasa, Nature Spirits' - Mask making with guidance from R. Abhiramy, **10 am to 1 pm;** Performance by Kanchana Ganga in collaboration with mask-makers, **7 pm to 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 91089-14511]
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Hardwicke High School, Hiranmayi Pratishtana and Kavery Balaga, Mysuru:** Vishwa Manava Day, writer and journalist Bannur K. Raju inaugurates, High School HM Gurubhaktaiah presides, Block Resource Person Dr. B.C. Vijayakumar and artist and writer Dr. Jamunarani Mirle; Geeta Gayana by poetess and singer Rohini Shekar, prize distribution by Hiranmayi Pratishtana President A. Sangappa, Hardwicke High School, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Vanita Sadana - Nursery, Higher Primary and High School:** School Day celebrations, Sunanda Academy Secretary Vishwas Arya chief guest, Bhaskar Heart Centre and Speciality Hospital Administrative Officer Dr. Sujatha Bhaskar guest of honour, Smt. Susheela Bai Sri Nagesh Rao Educational and Charitable Trust President B.R. Ravi presides, Vanita Sadana premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysuru District Kannada Theatre Professional Artistes Association:** 34th anniversary celebrations, Melukote Vangipur Mutt Seer Sri Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, inaugruation by MLAs G.T. Devegowda & K. Harishgowda, former Mayor Shivakumar and Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, mythological theatre songs, **11 am onwards;** Staging of social play 'Ratna Mangalya,' Town Hall, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Himalaya Pratishtana:** Releasing of yoga calendar and felicitation to achievers, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, chief guest, social worker Raghuram Vajapayee presides; Achievers to be honoured are M.K. Shobha (Natyashri), Purushottam (Yoga Siri) and M. Mallesh (Yoga Siri), Pathrakartara Bhavan, Thyagaraja Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University of Mysore, Mysuru and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Regional Centre, Bengaluru:** Special lecture on 'Importance of Nature in Puranas' by Dr. Anandateertha V. Nagasampige, Hon. Director, Sri Vishweshateertha Samshodhana Pratishtana, Bengaluru, Vijnana Bhavan, **3 pm.**
- **Sneha Sinchana Trust, Mysuru:** Janamana Acharya Sri Chanakya Award presentation, singing of Kannada songs and prize distribution for winners of Navaratri doll show competition, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji and Shashwati Dharmika Kriya Samiti Founder Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma will grace the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Sanskrit scholar Dr. K. Leela Prakash presides, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee and Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal will present awards to Science writer & photographer S. Ramaprasad and spiritual leader and Jyothishi Mysore Kumar, Abhiruchi Balaga President N.V. Ramesh chief guest, Trust President M.N. Latha Mohan will be present, Namana Kala Mantapa, behind Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Viveka Balodyana Public School:** Viveka Kutumbakam-3, 44th Annual Day, RIMSE Correspondent Swami Mahamedhananda graces, ISRO Scientist M.V. Roopa chief guest, School premises, Vijayanagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathananda speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, Dr. T. Padmashree, Guest Lecturer, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centre, Manasagangothri, delivers lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Society of Equality,' Tejaswini, Warden, Backward Classes Women's Hostel, Mysuru, presides, Hotel premises, RMP Quarters, **6 pm.**
- **Sudharma Sanskrit Daily Newspaper:** Releasing of Sudharma Samskrutha - 2024 Diary by Royal family member Yaduveer Wadiyar, *Sudharma* Editor Vid. Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao presides, N.R. Group Chairman R. Guru, chief guest, *Sudharma* Editor Vid. Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana delivers keynote address, Editor Vid. Dr. V.D. Hegade will be present, felicitation to Vid. Dr. Deepak Bhatta of Yuvaraja College, Mysuru and Vid. Dr. Ganapathi R. Bhat, Sanskrit Teacher from Bengaluru; lecture on *Sundara Kanda Varnam* by Vid. Dr. Deepak Bhatta; Nataraja Mandira, Shankar Mutt Road, Khille Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

4k Projection Mapping
at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru

Avadhoota Datta Peetham:
4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road.

3 Shows — 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.

Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled.

Poshaka Bhushana International Classical Dance Fest on Dec. 30

From left: ***Guru Badari Divya Bhushan, Dr. Anjana Bhushan, Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna and Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan***

From left: ***Vidushi Sreelakshmi Kumar, Vidushi Sindhu Kiran, Dr. Sreedhara Akkihebbalu and Ramya Harishankar***

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru, headed by internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam Guru Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, has come up with the second segment of Poshaka Bhushana International Classical Dance Festival on Dec. 30 at 5.45 pm at Vasudevacharya Bhavan on JLB Road in city.

5.50 pm: Established eminent dancers of Mysuru — Badari Divya Bhushan, Dr. Anjana Bhushan, Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna, Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan. Vidushi Sreelakshmi Kumar and Vidushi Sindhu Kiran — will be presenting a conceptual presentation on Mysore Sadashivarao's compositions. Concept, audio by Dr. Sreedhara Akkihebbalu, USA.

6.45 pm: Bharatanatyam exponent Ramya Harishankar and Aparna Dance Company, USA, will be presenting "SHE," a unique classical choreography.

7.45 pm: Renowned Bharatanatyam exponents **Prasanna Kasthuri, USA and Pulikeshi Kasthuri, Bengaluru,** will be presenting "Beral ge Koral" based on Rastrakavi Kuvempu's Drama.

Entry for the art connoisseurs is free.

Ramya Harishankar will also be conducting a workshop on *abhinaya* at Bhushans' Academy on Dec. 31 at 10.30 am.

Vocal concert tomorrow
by Vidu. Malini Ramasubramanya

Vidu. Malini ***Vidu. Dr. Veena*** ***Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj***

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be presenting a Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vidu. Malini Ramasubramanya, at 6 pm tomorrow (Dec. 30) at Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira.

Vidu. Dr. Veena Suresh, a senior violinist and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj, disciple of Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar, will accompany on violin and mridanga respectively.

Artiste's Profile: Vidu. Malini is a Karnatak Classical vocalist and Bharatanatyam dancer, hailing from a traditional music family of Hosahally, Shivamogga. She began her musical journey with her grandfather which continued under Vidu. Lakshmi of Hassan and Vidu. Kasturi Sridhar.

For more than a decade now, she is under the tutelage of Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar. She is also receiving training from Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma and Vid. B.S. Purushotham.

Her grandfathers, *Padma Shri* H.R. Keshavamurthy is a well-known gamaka exponent and another grandfather Vid. H.R. Rama Shastry is a musician, who was the disciple of Vid. R.R. Keshavamurthy.

Malini has done her Master's in Nuclear Physics and Music. Presently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. She had compiled a book on the compositions of Muthuswami Dikshitar and presented many research papers in reputed stages. Malini has performed in many platforms including Ramaseva Mandali, Fort, Bengaluru, Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, Arkay Convention Centre, Chennai, Rudrapatnam etc.

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Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	9.20 am, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.20 am, 12.40 pm, 4 pm
Dunki (H)	(S-1)	12.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	(S-1)	3.40 pm; (S-2) 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 12.55 pm
Devil: The British Secret Agent (Te)	(S-2)	9.15 am, 10.30 pm
Animal (H)	(S-2)	12.05 pm
Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	(S-3)	4.20 pm

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Kaatera (K)	:	9.40 am, 10 am, 1.15 pm
		1.55 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	10 am, 6 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Dunki (H)	:	1.30 pm, 9.30 pm

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Kaatera (K)	:	8.10 am, 10.45 am, 11.45 am
		2.20 pm, 3.10 pm, 5.55 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Dunki (H)	:	8.35 am, 12.25 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	:	8.50 am, 11.00 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	11.55 am, 6.10 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	2.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Devil: The British Secret Agent (Te)	:	9.20 am, 3.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Aquaman & the Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	:	12.25 pm
Neru (Ma)	:	6.50 pm

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Kaatera (K)	:	7.55 am, 11 am, 11.30 am
		3.05 pm, 6.10 pm, 6.40 pm
		10:15 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	8.10 am, 11.45 am
		3.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	:	2.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	6.55 pm
Dunki (H)	:	9.40 am, 4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Devil: The British Secret Agent (Te)	:	1.00 pm, 7.25 pm

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Dunki (H)	(S-3)	12.45 am, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Salar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	(S-1)	6.45 pm; (S-4) 6.35 pm
Salar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	(S-1)	11.35 am; (S-4) 10.10 pm
Salar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	(S-1)	3.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Aquaman & Lost Kingdom (E-3D)	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Devil: The British Secret Agent (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm; (S-4) 9.05 am
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	6.30 am
	(S-2)	7.20 am, 11 am, 2.40 pm
		6.20 pm, 10 pm
	(S-3)	9.05 am; (S-4) 12.10 pm

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Kaatera (K)	:	7.50 am, 11.30 am, 1.45 pm
		3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Dunki (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)	:	10.10 am, 5.25 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.25 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)	:	10.00 pm
Devil: The British Secret Agent (Te)	:	12.50 pm, 7.15 pm
Neru (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Idol of Sri Rajarajeshwari Devi consecrated, Sri Hari Sannidhi unveiled at Ganapathy Ashram

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (PM&BS)-The idol of Goddess Sri Rajarajeshwari Devi was consecrated and sannidhi of Sri Hari was inaugurated at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru-Nanjangud road in city yesterday.

The rituals associated with the consecration ceremony began in the morning with *Prathistapane Homa, Shanthi Poustika Homa, Moola Mantra Homa* and *Durga Saptashati,* followed by the consecration of *Sahasra Saligrama* in *Makara Lagna* at 9.05 am. The idol of Sri Rajarajeshwari was consecrated during *Meena Lagna* at 12 noon.

Sri Hari Sannidhi that was also unveiled is unique in its own way, with rare Saligramas collected here numbering 2,108 in the form of *Ananthanaga Shayana,* at the entrance of Ashram's prayer hall. *Trivikrama Saligrama* and *Manoratha Kurma Saligrama* weighing 300-kg have been installed inside the *Sannidhi.* A specially made *Sudarshana Yantra* on the top of the *Sannidhi* was designed and conceptualised by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji.

The Swamiji offered special puja at Sri Hari Sannidhi by keeping several Saligramas like *Vishwak Sena Saligrama, Matsya Saligrama, Kurma Saligrama, Lakshminarasimha Saligrama,*

Parashurama Saligrama, Srirama Saligrama, Murari Krishna Saligrama among several others.

After consecrating the idol of Sri Rajarajeshwari, Swamiji performed several *abhishekas,* followed by several homas before offering *poornahuti.* The Swamiji later offered *Homa Rakshe* to Shimshumara Dhruva Murthy, followed by *Kumbabisheka* and *Brahma Kalasha Abhisheka.*

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Bharathi**, aged @ 32 years, D/o. Sri Tulsiram, residing at D. No. 31/1, 1st Main, Jayalakshmi Puram, Mysuru- 570 012, do hereby swear and declare on oath in the capacity of being the Mother, Natural Guardian and next friend of my Minor Son Master. **PRANAV**, aged @ 9 years, residing with me in my care and custody. I have willingly changed his present name - **PRAANSH**, to that of **PRANAV**. Hereafter and from now on his name shall be **PRANAV** only and he shall be known, seen, addressed and referred to as **PRANAV** only, wherever applicable.

For having changed his name as **PRANAV** I have sworn to this Affidavit today (29-12-2023) before the Notary Smt. Saraswathi J., at Mysuru.

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Whereas, any person/s claiming any interest on the schedule property are hereby required to communicate the same to me with documentary evidence within **FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** from today, or otherwise the sale will be completed without any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed & have waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece & parcel of the house **property bearing site no- 08** [carved in Survey no-79/1, as per the order of Mysuru DC vide ALN (1)20/2007-08, dated: 04.08.2008), **situated at Sirampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk & District, measuring East to West (7.61 + 8.53)/2 meters and North to South 12.20 meters, totally measuring 98.45 meters.** RCC construction building with granite flooring, construction area 53.44 **square meter at ground floor,** 53.44 square meter at First Floor and 53.44 square meters at second floor, totally measuring **160.32 square meter building** having separate electricity, water and sanitary connection facility bounded by - East by: Road (9.00 Meters), West by: Site No-07, North by: Property bearing Sy.No-80, South by: Road (9.00 Meters).

Sd/- V.RAVI KUMAR MBA, LLM
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